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SUBJECT: JUDGE ORDERS ARREST OF LOPEZ REGA

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1. JUDGE NOCETTI FASOLINO, ACTING UPON A REPORT BY FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS WHICH TURNED UP "EVIDENCE OF ILLEGAL USE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS" " IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY, ORDERED THE ARREST OF FORMER SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER LOPEZ REGA, HIS SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE, CARLOS ALEJANDRO VILLONE, AND AN AIDE, JOSE VANNI. THE ARREST ORDER AGAINST THE TWO EX-MINISTERS INCLUDES CHARGES THAT THEY FALSIFIED PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND MISUSED PUBLIC FUNDS. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, FASOLINO HAS REQUESTED THE HELP OF INTERPOL OFFICIALS IN ARRESTING LOPEZ REGA AND VILLONE.

2. JUDGE FASOLINO LAST WEEK ALSO ORDERED FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER BENITEZ TO APPEAR BEFORE HIM TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS ROLE IN THE ISSUANCE OF THE FAMOUS CRUZADA JUSTICIALISTA CHECK. BENITEZ IS EXPECTED TO ANSWER SUMMONS WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS. AT SAME TIME A THIRD EX-SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER, ROBALLOS, HAS BEEN INDICTED AND ORDERED BY JUDGE TO STAND TRIAL ON CORRUPTION CHARGES.

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3. THESE DEVELOPMENTS, ALONG WITH ONGOING CONGRESSIONAL INVESTI-

GATIONS, HAVE BEEN ECLIPSED BY AIR FORCE REVOLT. HOWEVER, JUDGE'S
ACTIONS WILL DOUBTLESS STRENGTHEN HAND OF THOSE IN CONGRESS WHO
WISH TO USE CORRUPTION ISSUE AS LEVER TO HASTEN MRS. PERON'S
DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE.
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